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Shri Bawa Bhulinder Singh, (87604 29000)  
S/o Shri Dalip Singh,  
R/o Gali No. 2, Mata Ganga Ji Nagar,  
Near Gurudwara Bhai Khoo Manj Sahib, Amritsar.

....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,  
O/o Municipal Corporation,  
Amritsar.

First Appellate Authority,  
O/o Commissioner,  
Municipal Corporation, Amritsar.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 2635/2023; 2637/2023; 3751/2023; 3752/2023; 3754/2023; 3755/2023;  
3766/2023; 3767/2023; 5059/2023 and 5060/2023.

**Appellant:** Absent

**Respondent:** Absent

## ORDER:

1. The above-mentioned cases were initially heard by the Hon'ble Bench of **Sh. Asit Jolly** and were subsequently **transferred to the undersigned Bench** following his retirement. Accordingly, the cases were listed for hearing today. *As the parties in all the above-mentioned cases are the same, a single interim order is being passed.*
2. **Both parties are absent.** The matter is hereby **adjourned**, with a direction to both the appellant and the respondent to **ensure their presence before the Commission** on the next date of hearing. **Failure to appear may result in ex parte decision on merits.**
3. **Next hearing on 28.05.2025 at 11.00 AM at Punjab State Information Commission, Red Cross Building, Madhya Marg, Sector 16, Chandigarh.**

(Sandeep Singh Dhaliwal)  
State Information Commissioner, Punjab.

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**23.04.2025**

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Shri Suresh Kumar Sharma, (98558 90233)

R/o New Sharma Furniture House,  
Pratap Bazar, Chheharta, District Amritsar.

....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,  
O/o Municipal Corporation,  
Amritsar.

First Appellate Authority,  
O/o Municipal Corporation,  
Amritsar.

....Respondents

APPEAL CASE NO. 5191/2023; 5326/2023; 5328/2023; 5329/2023; 5331/2023 and 5450/2023.

**Appellant:** Shri Suresh Kumar Sharma,

**Respondent:** Absent

## ORDER:

1. The above-mentioned cases were initially heard by the Hon'ble Bench of **Sh. Asit Jolly** and were subsequently **transferred to the undersigned Bench** following his retirement. Accordingly, the cases were listed for hearing today. *As the parties in all the above-mentioned cases are the same, a single interim order is being passed.*

2. The appellant, Sh. Suresh Kumar Sharma, appeared for the hearing and submitted that despite the lapse of considerable time, no satisfactory response has been provided to him by the concerned Public Information Officer (PIO) in all the above-mentioned cases. He expressed his grievance regarding the inordinate delay and requested that the sought information be provided to him at the earliest.

3. It is observed that neither the PIO nor any representative on behalf of the respondent authority is present during today's hearing to explain the position or to justify the delay in providing the information. The absence of the respondent PIO indicates a lack of seriousness in complying with the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005.

4. In view of the above, the matter is adjourned. The PIO is directed to ensure that the requisite information is provided to the appellant on or before the next date of hearing, failing which appropriate action under the RTI Act shall be considered.

**5.. Next hearing on 28.05.2025 at 11.00 AM at Punjab State Information Commission, Red Cross Building, Madhya Marg, Sector 16, Chandigarh.**

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Shri Rajinder Kumar, (83605 89644)

RTI Activist and Reporter,

R/o Village & Post Office Raisar,

Tehsil & District Barnala.

....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,

O/o Block Development & Panchayat Officer,

Block Sehna, District Barnala.

First Appellate Authority,

O/o District Development & Panchayat Officer,

Barnala.

....Respondents

## APPEAL CASE NO. 0542 OF 2023

Present:

Appellant: Shri Rajinder Kumar

Respondent: Absent

### ORDER (4th Hearing):

1. This order may be read with the reference of previous order of the commission dated 05.03.2025 which was heard via **Cisco Webex**, during which **both parties were present**. The appellant had stated that **incomplete information** had been provided. The respondent PIO's representatives were present in the Commission and submitted the information comprising **167 pages**, which was taken on record. **Sh. Charanjit Singh**, appearing on behalf of the PIO, had stated that the submitted information was complete and nothing further remained pending. In view of the above, the PIO was directed to **file an undertaking** affirming that no additional information related to this RTI application is pending. The appellant was granted liberty to collect the information from the Commission before the next hearing.

4. Today, the **appellant is present**, and the **respondent is absent**. The **copy of the 167 pages** of information, as previously submitted by the respondent, has been **handed over to the appellant in person**.

5. The appellant is granted **an opportunity to examine the information and submit, in writing, any deficiencies** noticed therein. A copy of the same shall also be forwarded to the PIO, who shall be directed to address and **rectify the deficiencies, if any**, before the next date of hearing. **Accordingly, the case is adjourned.**

3. **Next hearing on 28.05.2025 at 11.00 AM at Punjab State Information Commission, Red Cross Building, Madhya Marg, Sector 16, Chandigarh.**

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**Shri Harpal Singh,** (94631 49280)

S/o Shri Jagir Singh,

R/o Village & Post Office Riali Kalan,

Block Fatehgarh Churian, Tehsil Batala,

District Gurdaspur-143507

....Appellant

Versus

**Public Information Officer,**

O/o Block Development & Panchayat Officer,

Block Fatehgarh Churian,

Tehsil Batala, District Gurdaspur.

**First Appellate Authority,**

O/o District Development & Panchayat Officer,

Gurdaspur.

....Respondents

**APPEAL CASE NO. 0651 OF 2023**

**Present:**

Appellant: Shri Harpal Singh

Respondent: Absent

## **ORDER (4<sup>th</sup> Hearing):**

1. In the previous hearing dated **04.02.2025**, the respondent PIO, represented by **Sh. Gurmit Singh (Superintendent)**, provided the appellant with the requested information, comprising **303 pages**, along with an **undertaking that the complete information has been supplied and nothing remains pending**. The appellant had requested time to review the provided information, and accordingly, the Commission granted **10 days** for the appellant to examine the documents and communicate any deficiencies in writing to the PIO. The PIO was directed to either provide the required information or submit a reply, with a copy to the Commission.

## **Proceedings of the Present Hearing:**

2. The appellant is **present** and has stated that **incomplete information has been provided to him so far** by the PIO.

3. Upon this, the Commission **directed the appellant to point out the deficiencies in writing** and send a copy of the same to both the **PIO and the Commission**. The **PIO is directed to submit an updated reply** addressing the deficiencies within **15 days** from the date of this order and is further **directed to be present in person before the Commission without fail** on the next date of hearing.

4. **Next hearing on 28.05.2025 at 11.00 AM at Punjab State Information Commission, Red Cross Building, Madhya Marg, Sector 16, Chandigarh.**

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**Shri Balwinder Pal Singh, (94641 84175)**

S/o Shri Kashmir Singh,

R/o Village Riali Kalan, Block Fatehgarh Churian,

Tehsil Batala, District Gurdaspur-143507

....Appellant

**Versus**

**Public Information Officer,**

O/o Block Development & Panchayat Officer,

Block Fatehgarh Churian,

Tehsil Batala, District Gurdaspur.

**First Appellate Authority,**

O/o District Development & Panchayat Officer,

Gurdaspur.

....Respondents

## **APPEAL CASE NO. 0597 OF 2023**

**Present:** Appellant: Shri Balwinder Pal Singh

Respondent: Absent

### **ORDER (4<sup>th</sup> Hearing):**

1. In the previous hearing dated **04.02.2025**, the respondent PIO, represented by **Sh. Gurmit Singh (Superintendent)**, provided the appellant with the requested information, comprising **303 pages**, along with an **undertaking that the complete information has been supplied and nothing remains pending**. The appellant had requested time to review the provided information, and accordingly, the Commission granted **10 days** for the appellant to examine the documents and communicate any deficiencies in writing to the PIO. The PIO was directed to either provide the required information or submit a reply, with a copy to the Commission.

### **Proceedings of the Present Hearing:**

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